

Dear Jessica,

Thank you for giving me a way to contact you. I ask that you would please keep this personal email address completely private. It is just for you alone if you don't mind. The reason I blocked you was to keep somebody who might have a misguided defensiveness from saying something ridiculous to you as if on my behalf. I would not condone that in any way.

Jessica, I esteem you as my sister in Christ. I know you love Jesus. I know you seek Him. I know you serve Him. At the end of our conversation, if all we have to say to one another is that we bless each other in our journeys and our pursuits of Him, this is not wasted.

If you are willing to engage in a conversation off the public airways, I would be so happy to. Which of the Bible studies have you done? I'd be so open to hearing what you found to be false teaching and I will consider it prayerfully. I am also willing to send you some of them if you'd like to have them. What I have is yours. We might at the end of this conversation realize that we simply do not agree but I can tell you this. I love my sisters in Christ. I love what I see God doing among so many of you young women. I would not hesitate to serve you in any way.

You will one day be my age, Jessica. And you will have served Jesus and sought Him and loved Him for so many years. And you will often have been on the right track in your teaching and communicating and sometimes, if you are like the rest of us, you will also have jumped the track or gotten something wrong. But, if one day at my age, you opened up a piece of public correspondence that called you a false teacher, it would be painful and bewildering. I think it would also concern you. I know that you are closely guarding your doctrine so that such a thing will never happen. And it probably won't. But, if it ever did, Jessica, it would be difficult to understand and concerning. I ask you, if you hear nothing else I say, to hear this one thing: our words have power to hurt people. We must use them carefully. I am not a caricature or a wolf in sheep's clothing. I am a woman of God – flawed and always learning – in the Scriptures every single day and I have a heart that can be hit just like you do.

Our God is so faithful. I pray for Christ to continue to astound you on the pages of Scripture. I have never gotten over the thrill of His words on those sacred pages. Pray for me that I never do and I will pray the same for you.

Yours in His beautiful Name,

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